

**Amendments to the Specification:**

On page 1 of the specification, please delete the following paragraph after paragraph 0003 and before paragraph [0004].

~~In WO 03/041525A Fagerdale Tuotanto Oy, which was published on 3 December 1998 and after the filing date of the present application, there is disclosed floatation material having through cuts and wherein the material is used and provided in garments with the openings stretched open or kept open by being laminated to a fabric backing.~~